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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE CONSERVATOR  
OF A PERSON."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) Until June 30, 2006, the  
4 Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available appropriations,  
5 establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to allow no more  
6 than one hundred persons who are sixty-five years of age or older and  
7 meet the eligibility requirements of the Connecticut home-care  
8 program for the elderly established under section 17b-342 of the  
9 general statutes to receive personal care assistance as an alternative  
10 covered service to home health services in order to avoid  
11 institutionalization, provided the average annual cost to the state per  
12 recipient of personal care assistance under the pilot program does not  
13 exceed the average annual cost to the state per recipient of home health  
14 services under the home-care program. Personal care assistance under  
15 the program may be provided by nonspousal family members of the

16 recipient of services under the program.

17 (b) In conducting the pilot program, the commissioner or the  
18 commissioner's agent (1) may require as a condition of participation  
19 that participants in the pilot program disclose if a personal care  
20 assistant is a nonspousal family member, (2) shall monitor the  
21 provision of services under the pilot program, and (3) shall ensure the  
22 cost-effectiveness of the pilot program.

23 (c) The commissioner shall establish the maximum allowable rate to  
24 be paid for such services under the pilot program and may set a  
25 separate lower rate for nonspousal family members providing services  
26 as personal care assistants in the pilot program if deemed necessary by  
27 the commissioner to ensure cost effectiveness of the pilot program and  
28 to conduct the pilot program within available appropriations.

29 (d) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Social  
30 Services shall submit a report on the pilot program to the joint  
31 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
32 matters relating to appropriations and human services and to the select  
33 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
34 relating to aging. The report shall include information on the quality of  
35 services provided under the pilot program and shall be submitted in  
36 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

37 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Social  
38 Services, pursuant to section 17b-342 of the general statutes, shall  
39 apply to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services for a waiver  
40 to include in the Medicaid funded home-care program the pilot  
41 program established in section 501 of this act. In no event shall the  
42 number of pilot program participants exceed one hundred persons."